

Republic of Korea

Korean War Service Medal



The ROK government has established criteria for award of the Republic of Korea Korean War Service Medal (ROK-KWSM). To qualify for the medal, the veteran must have:

- Served between the outbreak of hostilities, June 25, 1950, and the date the armistice was signed, July 27, 1953
- Been on permanent assignment or on temporary duty for 30 consecutive days or 60 non-consecutive days
- Performed his / her duty within the territorial limits of Korea, in the waters immediately adjacent thereto or in aerial flight over Korea participating in actual combat operations or in support of combat operations

The U.S. Air Force is the lead agency to distribute the medals to US servicemen and women from each branch of Service. The Air Force will provide the medal at no cost, and on a first come first served basis, based upon availability of medals, to veterans who meet the criteria and provide a copy of their discharge paper.

To obtain the medal, those who meet the criteria above must provide the US Air Force Personnel Center (contact information listed below) a copy of their discharge paper, commonly known as a "DD-214," or a corrected version of that document, a "DD-215." National Guard members must provide their statement of service equivalent, "NGB Form 22." Please only send copies of these documents; do not send original documents.

US Air Force Personnel Center contact information:

Office hours: Monday - Friday, 7:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. (CST)

Telephone numbers: (866-229-7074), (210) 565-2432/2520/2516, or
fax (210) 565-3118

Mailing address: HQ AFPC/DPPPPRA, 550 C Street West, Suite 12,
Randolph Air Force Base, Texas 78150-4612

Web Page address: www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/awards/

Download: [Korean War Service Medal Request Form](#)

To obtain information concerning your personnel records (e.g., DD Form 214 and medical records) contact the National Personnel Records Center. When requesting information, provide the veteran's full name, SSN, mailing address, applicable service number, branch of service, dates of service, type of information needed and the veteran's signature on request. Please forward all personnel records requests to:

National Personnel Records Center
9700 Page Boulevard
St. Louis, MO 63132-5295
COM: (314) 538-4200
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[Standard Form 180](#)